

## REMARKS

No claims have been canceled or added in this paper. Claims 3-8, 12 and 14-15 have been amended in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-16 are pending and are under active consideration.

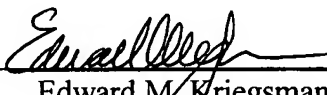
Certain claims have been amended to bring claim dependencies into conformity with U.S. practice.

In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 11-1755. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 that is not accounted for already, such an extension of time is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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